

SENATE BILL 35

By Barnes

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 249 in Cheatham County in honor of the late Corporal Kristopher Daniel Greer, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Corporal Kristopher Daniel Greer, United States Marine Corps, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on August 8, 2010, while serving in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Greer followed the patriotic tradition for which Cheatham County and the Volunteer State are renowned for by serving with distinction in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, Kristopher Daniel Greer, age twenty-five, was the son of Kristopher Todd Greer and Gina Foster Breeden and was married to Stacy Bennett; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Greer was a graduate of Harpeth High School in 2003; he subsequently joined the Pegram Fire Department and the Ashland City Fire Department and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, ultimately losing his life while serving in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Corporal Greer did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Afghani people; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Kristopher Daniel Greer served with great courage and gallantry,

giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society; the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Greer's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers, country and county, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Kristopher Daniel Greer selflessly gave his life for his country, and it is thus most appropriate that a certain segment of State Route 249 in his home county should be named to honor his memory, in accordance with the request of the Cheatham County Commission and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Pegram; now, therefore, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 249 (Sams Creek Road) in Cheatham County from such route's intersection with U.S. Highway 70 to its intersection with State Route 251 (River Road) is hereby designated the "Corporal Kristopher Daniel Greer Highway" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Corporal Kristopher Daniel Greer, United States Marine Corps, one of Tennessee's most heroic citizens.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 249 described in Section 1 as the "Corporal Kristopher Daniel Greer Highway". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.